Vera

Vera, Oct. 20.- "For thou Lord art good and ready to forgive and plenteous in mercy, unto all them that calleth upon Thee." Psalm 95-5.

October is passing off fast. Winter is just around the corner. The foliage is certainly beautiful.

Mrs. Lester B. Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Wednesday.

The community was saddened by the passing of Mr. C. E. Lewis. He was a fine man and will be missed. We extend sympathy to his family.

Mrs. Richard Carson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson on Saturday.

Lieut. Lawrence H. Watson, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson for some time, left on Monday for New York, where he has accepted a job.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Allen Bryant is ill, and wish for him a speedy recovery.

Miss Harriette Harvey visited in the home of her sister, Mrs. Richard Carson for the week-end.

Week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey were Mr. T. C. Harvey, Jr., and family; Mrs. Richard Carson and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson.

Mr. Lewis Turner visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Friday.

New Type Buyer Knows What Makes Home Livable

A new type of home buyer is appearing in the housing market.

Every third prospect who comes into a demonstration house or calls a real estate agent is looking around for his second house.

A survey conducted by a national building magazine shows that 35 per cent of home buyers in the market today are veteran home owners seeking housing more suitable to their present needs.

"This rather surprising figure is important to home builders, especially in this year of so-called 'tight money,' according to the Virginia Farm and Home Electrification Council.

"It means that the buyer who is in a position to do business is an experienced home-owner. He is looking for something more than just shelter, as was so often the case in the early years of the building boom. He knows exactly what to look for and where to find it as far as structural soundness, quality workmanship and built-in 'extras' are concerned.

"He knows from past experience what makes one house more livable than another. He has reached the point where living comfort, after the thrill of ownership wears off, is a major factor in his decision to buy or not to buy."

Light conditioning can be applied in homes in every price range to help sell them faster. The builder may also show his home after dark to indicate the living comfort provided by light-conditioning, he pointed out.

For builders who want to please the discriminating home - buyer, light-conditioning is a sales tool that will give him an extra that stands out and has proven itself to be a sure-fire appeal.

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A pessimist has been defined as one who when he has the cohice of two evils chooses both.
—Antolak Announcers, MSTS.

Might

The postwar roof will be supported only by air, says an engineer, who might go further and tell us what holds up a ceiling price.
—Boston Globe.

University of Virginia downs V. P. I. in Tobacco Festival football game in Richmond, 38 to 7.

USE OF TELEPHONES INCREASES ON FARMS

The per cent of farms in the United States with telephones is today double what it was in 1940, and continues to increase in most states.

R. Lee Chamblise, Jr., associate agricultural economist at VPI, says the Southern states have led the increase, primarily because of the low percentage of farms which had telephones in 1940. In the United States, 25% of the farms had telephones in 1940, while over 52% have them now.

In six southeastern states, including Virginia, only about 8% had phones in 1940, while about 31% have them now.

Last year there were only 17 states with less than 50% of their farms with telephone service; and in 15 states more than 75% have telephones.

In Virginia only 15% of the farms had telephones in 1940. By last year the proportion had increased to 38%.

Looking further back into history, Chamblise reports that more farms had telephones in 1920 than in 1940. Almost 39% of all the States had telephones in 1920, but this declined to 25% in 1940. Since then the percentage has been rising, but it was not until 1951 that the percentage equalled that of 1920.

Mechanization of farms, the continuing trend toward providing "city" conveniences in rural homes, and the trend toward fewer but larger farms, is expected to result in as many farms with telephones as there are with electricity.

Chamblise also reports a continued increase in monthly charges for telephone service. In mid-1956 the average monthly charge in the United States was 6% higher than a year earlier. The increase in costs has been accompanied, however, by rapid improvement in service.

In mid-1956 about 55% of the farmers with telephone service had dial phones, only 18% had battery phones, and 27% had magneto or crank phones. It is only in the west north central states that most of the farm phones are still of the magneto or crank type. Here are also found the lowest monthly charges, the largest number of farmer-owned lines, and the highest average number of parties per rural telephone line.

Homemakers Items

Jack-o-lanterns need not be used just to decorate your window sills. Why not make some that can be eaten too?

Here are some suggestions from Extension specialists for jack-o-lantern cookies and sandwiches.

To make the sandwiches, cut brown bread into circles. In half of the slices, cut out jack-o-lantern faces. Butter the other slices and spread them with a softened yellow cheese that has been flavored with a little mayonnaise. Top your spread slice with the cut-out slices. Add strips of pimento for the mouth.

For the cookies, you'll need both molasses and sugar cookie dough. Add a few drops of red and yellow food coloring to the sugar dough to tint it a pale orange. Chill both types of dough.

Roll a small amount of each dough very thin (about 1/16th of an inch thick), and cut with a 2½ inch round cutter. A water glass is about the right size if you don't have a cookie cutter.

Cut out faces in the sugar cookies with a knife. You'll probably find it easiest to leave the cut-out mouth in place until you put the face on top of the molasses cookies.

Put the molasses cookies on a lightly greased cookie sheet, and then put a sugar cookie "face" on top of each molases cookie. Bake in a moderate oven (about 350°) for 12 to 14 minutes.

To prepare fresh coconut: make a small hole in one eye and drain out juice. Place it starts to crack—about 15 minutes. Tap all over with hammer to loosen shell. Remove shell. Remove brown skin with vegetable peeler and grind, as desired.

IT IS

The only intermission that has endured is death.
—Dallas News.

Candid Comment

You never learn how to wade a mass is until it sets his hair. —Wall Street.

Looking For "Boys"

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—Duluth.

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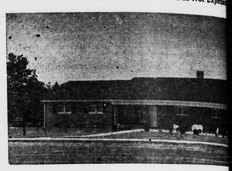

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FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Soil Sampling Big Business at VPI

Virginia farmers sent 29,784 samples of soil for regular testing, and 17,723 samples for testing under ASC regulations, during July, 1956 - July, 1957. Regular testing charts lime, organic matter, calcium, magnesium, phosphoric acid, and potash needs. Testing under ASC, which is done in cooperation with the State ASC Committee, concerns only lime and pH, and is necessary for certain ASC payments.

Total samples tested amounted to 47,507, only a slight drop from the preceding year, when 49,106 samples were tested.

Farmers who haven't taken advantage of the free service would profit by doing so. Peak months are from January through April, and samples sent in at other times of the year are handled more rapidly. This past year, the top was hit in January, with a total of 9,491 samples.

Soil should be tested generally, once every rotation in cropland; and every two or three years for pasture and alfalfa.

Mineral Needs Are Outlined For Dairy Cows in State

What does the Virginia dairy cow need in the line of minerals?

Dairymen spend considerable sums annually for various mineral supplements. But whether or not they spend too much, or use the supplements porperly, is a debatable question.

Usually only 4 of 13 minerals essential in the diet are of major concern from the standpoint of supplementa to rations. Enough of the others are generally supplied by feeds commonly used in diets for dairy cows.

The four minerals which may be inadequate in dairy feeds are calcium, phosphorus, sodium, and chlorine. Of these only sodium and chlorine, or common salt, are universally lacking in amounts needed for best growth and milk production. Recent work with salt-deficient dairy cows has shown that sodium is the most critical component of salt.

Salt needs may be met by adding salt at the level of 1% to the concentrate and/or providing it free-choice to the animals. Iodized salt should be used since it costs only a little more than common salt, and it insures against a possible iodine deficiency which may result in the birth of weak calves with "big neck" or goiter.

Relatively large amounts of calcium are needed by growing animals and lactating cows. A dependable source is legume forage, and a deficiency of calcium is unlikely if 50% of the hay in the ration is legume. Concentrate feeds are low in calcium, so nearly all of the calcium in natural dairy feeds come from forages. A deficiency might be expected where cattle are fed limited amounts of forage and large amounts of concentrates.

Phosphorus, unlike calcium, is found in large quantities in concentrates. Forages are low in phosphorus, particularly if the available phosphorus in the soil is low. Under average feeding conditions a deficiency of phosphorus is more likely than a calcium deficiency.

It has been common practice in the past to add both calcium and phosphorus to the grain ration irrespective of the amounts provided by the ingredients and the type of forage fed. Because of the many factors that determine the supplemental needs of these minerals, it would be better to provide them free-choice, rather than to fortify the grain ration with them. Steamed bonemeal, defluorated rock phosphate, or dicalcium phosphate may be used as calcium and phosphorus supplements. These should be mixed with salt since they are not very palatable when fed alone.

Considerable emphasis is being put on the use of trace-mineralized salt and other trace-mineral mixtures, but it is not advisable to use such supplements at the present time.

CHICK CHATS

Do your best to prevent the appearance of colds in your laying flock this fall and winter and you will enjoy more profitable egg production. Colds can practically ruin a whole laying season. Production may fall off 50% within a few days after a flock suffers an outbreak of colds; and the condition may persist for several weeks.

Usually, simple colds result indirectly from errors in management or faulty construction in the laying house itself. When the poultryraiser permits his flock to become chilled, or makes no attempt to plug up cracks in the walls or to replace broken window panes, he is inviting an outbreak of colds. Eliminate these conditions with proper ventilation and insulation.

True infectious coryza — which is often called a "cold" — results from a definite germ. Infected chickens at first have a nasal discharge of watery consistency; later it becomes sticky. There may be some swelling of the face, wattles, and skin of the neck. Difficult breathing and coughing may be noted. While mortality is not high, the birds go out of production and often become culls.

Good results are being obtained in controlling infectious coryza (colds) by using sulfathiazone products, which most poultry-medicine dealers can supply. The use of inhalants or nasal washes will frequently give affected birds temporary relief by loosening congestion in the upper respiratory passages.

Recovered birds are apparently immune to the disease. However, since they still may carry the infection, it is advisable to keep them separated from younger stock.

Colds and coryza should not be confused with other respiratory diseases, such as infectious laryngotra-cheitis and bronchitis. With these conditions, there is considerable coughing, gasping, and similar symptoms that more or less distinguish them. These are virus diseases and can be partially prevented by vaccination.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

What happens when a cold front and a warm front meet head-on? What are the characteristics of the stationary front produced?

A cold front, running into a warm front with about equal momentum, stagnates and marks time. The warm air also comes to a halt, and the result, where the two air masses have met, is a stationary front.

A stationary front almost always produces prolonged rain and cloud and erratic wind currents. Sometimes the rain lasts for many days until one of the systems breaks through the other and another strong front moves in.

If planning to fly, the weather map symbol of a stationary front should be highly discouraging, for landing and navigating in such an area is hazardous and often dangerous. Weather cannot be accurately predicted and visibility is usually bad.

Stationary front occur during the change of seasons. This spell of bad weather was called by old-timers the "turn-off seasons."

TWELVE DAUGHTERHS

Morristown, N. J.- With eleven daughters—no sons—in the family, chances were "slimmer than slim" that the expected twelfth baby would also be a girl. However, the stork recently delivered another baby girl to the William Patrick Bestonas. The twelve — from the oldest to the youngest—are: Patricia, Eileen, Regina, Carol, Joann, Gertrude, Dolores, Betty Lou, Catherine, Lavinia and Madonna Grace. The first daughter died in infancy.

A Pole-to-Pole around-the-world flight is being planned for November by a group of New England business men. The flight, to start in Boston, is scheduled to fly over both the North and South poles.

V. M. I. edged out William and Mary, 14 to 13 to take lead in Virginia football standings.

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